

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the claims, please cancel claims 1-8 and amend claims 21, 23 and 24 as follows:

- 1-20. (canceled)
21. (previously presented) A process for delivering a charged polypeptide into a mammalian cell in vitro consisting of:
- a) associating, in a solution, the charged polypeptide with a detergent via noncovalent interaction to form a polypeptide-detergent complex wherein the detergent has a net charge opposite that of the charged polypeptide;
  - b) dehydrating the complex to form a polypeptide-detergent dried salt complex;
  - c) dissolving the dried salt complex with an organic or organic/aqueous solvent; and,
  - d) contacting the cell with the dissolved complex of step c).
22. (previously presented) The process of claim 21 wherein the polypeptide consists of a protein.
23. (currently amended) The process of claim 21 wherein the [[the]] polypeptide consists of a biologically active, therapeutic, or diagnostically useful polypeptide.
24. (currently amended) The process of claim 21 wherein the [[the]] detergent consists of a cleavable detergent.